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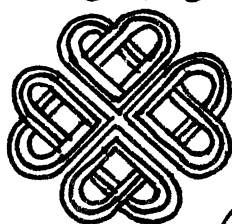
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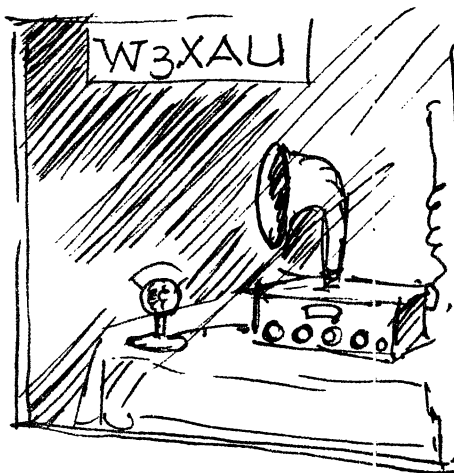
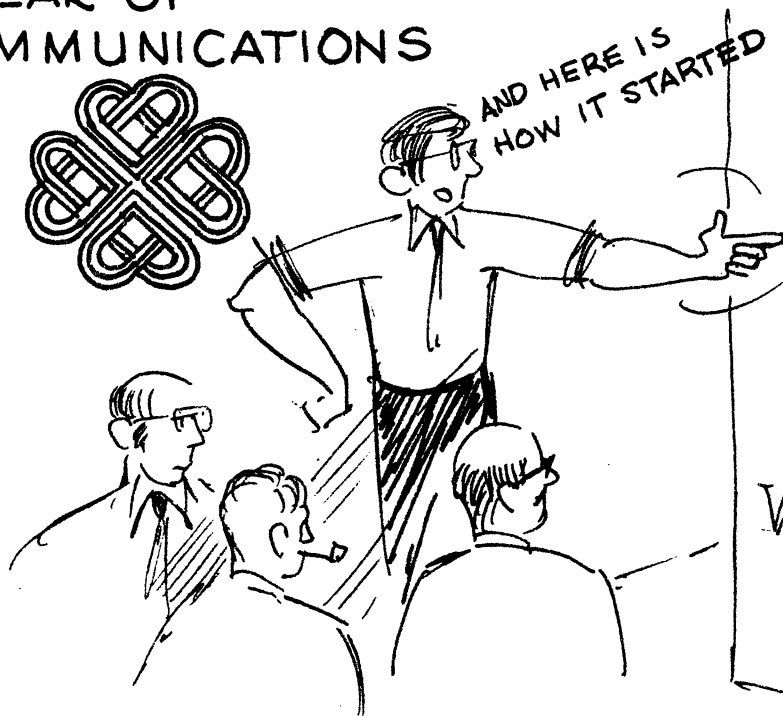
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- YEAR OF
COMMUNICATIONS



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HOW IT STARTED



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THE PHIL-MONT MOBILE RADIO CLUB, INC.
meets on the first Monday of each month
(2nd Monday in Sept. only) at 8:00 p.m. in the
Franklin Institute, 21st & Ben Franklin Pkwy.

ALL VISITORS ARE WELCOME

Club Nets are conducted weekly.

Every Tuesday - 8:00 p.m., 147.63/03, code
practice is conducted, all
are welcome.

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ARNS, APRIL BULLETIN SAID, NO ONE
IS PROMOTING THE YEAR OF
COMMUNICATIONS, I GUESS THEY
HAVE NOT LOOKED AT THE
PHILMONT BLURB.....YET.

THE PREZ SAYS...

HOT!!

The weather might have been this summer, but Philmonters found a few ways to keep cool. On Saturday August 6, Philmont went down the river. Not in ships or boats or canoes, but in tubes. No, not the kind you find in your radio, these are the kind you used to put inside your automobile tires. Now that all tires are tubeless someone got the idea to use them for floating down a cool river on a hot summers afternoon. If you haven't tried it yet you're missing one of the pleasures of life. Next year we hope to continue this activity and look forward to more members taking part.

HOT!!

There's that word again. And it sure was on Saturday August 20. down on Long Beach Island. The temperature hit 100, but Philmonters kept cool thanks to the hospitality of John W3AWH. John entertained some of the early arrivals at his summer home on the beach. This was a lovely way to tune up for what was to take place later in the day. And what, you may ask, could be better than a day at the beach on Long Beach Island? An afternoon of food, drink and good company at Arnie's Annual Bath, that's what. KC2HX and N2CYA, Arnie and Sue (Laurie too), outdid themselves this year. They provided the place, weather, food, drink and most important the warm hospitality. On behalf of the club, I would like to thank them for a great time. And thanks also to all who brought the wonderful variety of things to eat. If you haven't been to this Philmont function yet, you really are missing out on a good time. Make plans to attend next year.

As you can see Philmonters know how to have a good time. We hope to see more of you participate in your club's activities. We try to include the entire family in our plans and not just limit things to the "Ham" in the family.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at our next regular meeting on Monday September 12.

Regards
Ed - KB3IV

JULY 1983 -- DIRECTORS' MEETING

On July 20th, (while floating in the pool and destroying a bottle of Stolichnaya Vodka) KB3IV called the meeting, held at the home of WB3KDH & KOJ, to order at 8:30 P.M. In attendance were: W3's-ZPP, (how does it feel to be first, Charlie?) AA, BBB, GGD (Mr. & Mrs.), IIM, IIN, PST (yes sports fans there really is a Woody), SRU, K3GNM, KASAMO (Mr. & Mrs.), N3ADI and N3DHI (his "virgin" mid-month meeting) - Minutes of the July General Meeting were read, and of course, approved. - W3IIN presented the mid-year budget report and gave the current financial summary. The reports were accepted. (after two beers they'll believe anything, Jinny) - W3PST is looking for Blurb folding help from any members that live in the Northeast. (please volunteer, my kids are going back to school) - N3ADI's DX Report - "If you hear any DX please call me". - W3SRU extended thanks to all who helped with the recent Paddle-Rama exercise. Gil, in his most eloquent manner, delivered an oration on ARRL Emergency Club Status, which held the assembled spellbound. (it was too dark at the pool for flow charts) A summation of Gil's recitation - "he's working on it". Seeking a volunteer to act as Club liaison to ARRL, and finding none, Gil, in the true spirit of Phil-Mont accepted the post. - W3BBB reported that the new springs have been installed on MOCOM (W3AA, that means you and I can take it for a weekend) and N3DHI said that he will check-out all of the vans communications equipment. - W3IIM said that Old Timers' Night will be held November 7th, (can Stag Night be far behind?) as part of the General Meeting. Details to follow. - The meeting was adjourned at 9:50. - Coffee was poured into our satiated president.

AUGUST 1983 -- GENERAL MEETING

Just to be different refreshments were served first! (Sometimes I wonder if this club knows if it's coming or going) - KB3IV then opened the 405th General Meeting at 8:15 on August 1st. Minutes of the July Directors' Meeting were read and approved. W3IIN gave a Treasurer's Report (Audit time is fast approaching) - WB3CMM (what has become of VVS & KC2HX?) reported that the meeting was attended by 34 members and 8 guests. He introduced: Doris Hamilton-KA3KSA, Al (W3JWF) & Edna Gaskill, John Brogan-W3DMZ, Roger Cox-K3TYB, Stuart Levinson-AG3G, Venise Pommer and Mike DePersio-KC2Q. - W3SRU read a letter from the Boy Scouts thanking the club for helping with PADDLE-RAMA. - W3IIM is looking for any old club memorabilia. (No, BBB will not fit in the scrap book) - Ed quickly adjourned the meeting and the group moved to the Philadelphia Electric building where an excellent program (it made us all want to ask the PUC to give PE a rate increase) was presented. Special thanks to John -W3AWH, (he stopped dancing long enough to attend a meeting) for his efforts in arranging this very informative and interesting program.

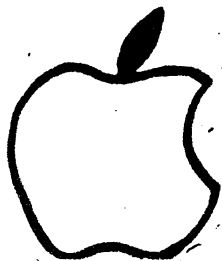
AUGUST 1983-- DIRECTORS' MEETING--Arnie's Annual Bath

Our cups runnith over...a cornucopia of delectable morsels flowed forth from the table...old Sol saw fit to direct his potent rays on the event...our hosts, Sue and Arnie, treated us as royalty...the 50
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plus enjoyed the mid-month meeting...events of note: K3GNM found his way...BBB donned a bathing suit (green of course)...SRU talked-in half of Ocean County...N3DHI was inducted, by the Dirty Dozen, as a pledge, after eating several crabs (he will never go back to olive loaf again)...Arnie took a boat load out...and brought them all back...a great party...thanks Sue and Arnie.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Gordon-WB3KDJ



BYTES FROM THE APPLE

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

03-Esther Elfman (XYL W3CW)	21-Harold Fox -W3AA
-Marian Fox-WA3YJR (XYL W3AA)	22-William T. Burton - K3BB
06-Leonard N. Kovnat - WB3JUA	23-Joseph Brady - W3FVW
08-Allen F. Bubeck - K3GNM	Shelly Klein-K3QNX (XYL W3WXC)
12-Charles Pyle (OM NBOC)	26-Doris Lusky-KA3MAM (XYL W3APD)
18-Betsy Tabbutt (XYL WA3UZD)	28-Millie Rulli (XYL WB2WOM)
-John Spratt - N3ALW	30-Charles W. Hutchins - KA3BUL

KA3BET & W3ZPP YOUR TICKETS EXPIRE THIS MONTH...LET'S BET WITH IT!

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

THE MOST COMMON NAMES (by handle) IN PHIL-MONT ARE: BOB (10); BILL (7); AL (6); JIM, JOHN & MIKE (5 EACH); ED, FRANK & JACK (4 EACH)

HAVE YOU: UPGRADED, MOVED, GOTTEN MARRIED, CHANGED YOUR PHONE NUMBER, RENEWED YOUR LICENSE OR ARRL MEMBERSHIP? IF SO, PLEASE LET ME KNOW ABOUT THE CHANGE; BY PHONE, BY MAIL OR ON THE AIR -DE WB3KDJ

PHIL-MONT SHOP 'N SHOP

Kenwood TS-520S w/digital display...mint condition...\$450...WB3KAB, Bob DiPasquali...699-9022 or 646-9799

Yaesu FT-207R H.T.--w/two battery packs, rubber duck, speaker/mike, drop-in charger, D.C. supply...\$275... Henry S-30 2 meter Amplifier (2 watts in - 35 watts out...\$65... Vocom 2 meter Amplifier (200 mw in - 25 watts out...\$65... KA3AMO, Steve Hoch...533-1581

WSYI REPORT.....

FCC RULEMAKING SLOWS TO A CRAWL...

FCC rulemaking news is always a little thin during August since the Commissioners go on "summer recess" - a bureaucrat word meaning a month long vacation. The Commission won't meet officially again until September 9th. The summer started with there being seven FCC Commissioners - we are now down to four!

Actually the FCC was reduced to five Commissioners on June 30th. Insiders say the reduction was politically rather than budget motivated since Reagan passed over (Senator) Bob Packwood's choice for FCC Commissioner. Anne Jones resigned on May 30th further reducing the agency to four Commissioners. In the interim period, no controversial rulemaking has been acted on since the Commission didn't want to risk a 2-2 deadlock.

There has been a lot of speculation as to who the new Commissioner will be. The recommendation comes from White House assistants and the Director of Presidential Personnel. We have learned that Dennis R. Patrick has been recommended and is expected to be nominated by President Reagan to fill the vacancy. The interesting thing about the appointment is that the White House presidential personnel office recommended one of their own staff associate directors! Patrick is a lawyer and only 31 years old! The president's nominee must win final approval in the Senate.

TEN YEAR HAM TICKET TERM EXPECTED

Look for the FCC to extend amateur license terms from five to ten years during September. The new Part 97 rules have already been written. They will read...

Part 97.59 License Term.

(a) Amateur operator licenses are normally valid for a period of ten years from the date of issuance of a new, modified or renewed license.

Part 97.13 Renewal or Modification...

(d) If a license is allowed to expire, application for renewal may be made during a period of grace of two years after the expiration date.

Currently a five year amateur radio license term is in effect with a five year period of grace.

The following ham call signs have been issued by the FCC/Gettysburg as of 8/1/83:

Area	Extra Gp. A	Advanc. Gp. B	Tech/Gen Gp. C	Novice Gp. D
2	NC2C	KD2AZ	N2ELP	KA2TDC
3	KO3Y	KC3JD	N3DNV	KA3LLV
4	WS4V	KF4DP	N4JCD	KB4GOP

TOUGH TIMES FOR HAM RADIO DEALERS!

Nationally known ham radio dealer, Communications Center, Inc., (1840 "O" Street) of Lincoln, Nebraska 68504 (Tel: 402-476-7331), has declared bankruptcy. A regular QST advertiser, they filed Chapter 11 in a federal court in Omaha. Debts totalled in excess of half a million dollars. Claims of unsecured creditors total \$228,489.

In a Chapter 11 filing, the company seeks court protection from its creditors while remaining in business and putting together a reorganization plan.

Communications Center discontinued their (toll-free) "800" number about 2 months ago. The bulk of their business came via mail and telephone order as a result of their national advertising. A notice in the "Lincoln Log" - the Lincoln (Nebraska) Amateur Radio

Club newsletter tells of a clearance sale they are having. As recent as two years ago, the ham community in Nebraska had 5 full line had stores. They now have none!

And another QST advertiser, AGL Electronics, Inc., of Dallas, Texas, is going out of business. (13929 N. Central Expressway, Dallas, TX 75080 - Tel: 214-699-1081.) They ran an ad in the September issue of QST which indicated that they were being sold to another individual - but the deal fell through. The ad could not be killed. Both Communications Center and AGL Electronics are offering new ham gear near, at or below cost!

THE MT. AIRY VHF RADIO CLUB, INC.
PRESENTS
HAMARAMA '83
AND
MID-ATLANTIC STATES VHF CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 1-2, 1983

THE CONFERENCE

SATURDAY—OCT. 1, 1983—9 A.M. to 5 P.M.
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(FROM PA. TURNPIKE EXIT 27 TAKE 611 NORTH 4.5 MILES TO ONE BLOCK NORTH OF ROUTE 132)

ALL DAY VHF PROGRAM MODERATED BY WELL KNOWN VHF'ers

COCKTAIL HOUR AND GET-TOGETHER AT 6:30 P.M.
in *PACK-RAT* HOSPITALITY SUITE

HOSPITALITY SUITE WILL ALSO BE OPEN
FRIDAY EVENING FOR EARLY ARRIVALS

BUFFET DINNER AT 7:30 P.M. — \$12.00

REGISTRATION—ADVANCE \$4.00, AT DOOR \$5.00 (INCLUDES FLEA MARKET)

THE FLEA MARKET

SUNDAY—OCTOBER 2, 1983—7 A.M. to 4 P.M.—RAIN OR SHINE

BUCKS COUNTY DRIVE-IN THEATER
WARRINGTON, PA.

(ROUTE 611—4 MILES NORTH OF PA. TURNPIKE—EXIT 27)

AMATEUR RADIO EQUIPMENT
ELECTRONIC PARTS—SURPLUS
COMPUTER HARDWARE

TALK-IN — W3CCX
146.52 Mhz

REGISTRATION — \$3.00

GLORIFIED ELECTRONIC
“JUNQUE”

FOOD AND DRINK AVAILABLE
ON SITE

TAILGATING—\$5.00 per space
(Bring your own table)

AS A SPECIAL INDUCEMENT
TO EASE OUR PARKING
PROBLEM

\$5.00 A CARLOAD

JOIN US FOR THE “PACK-RAT” 12th ANNUAL

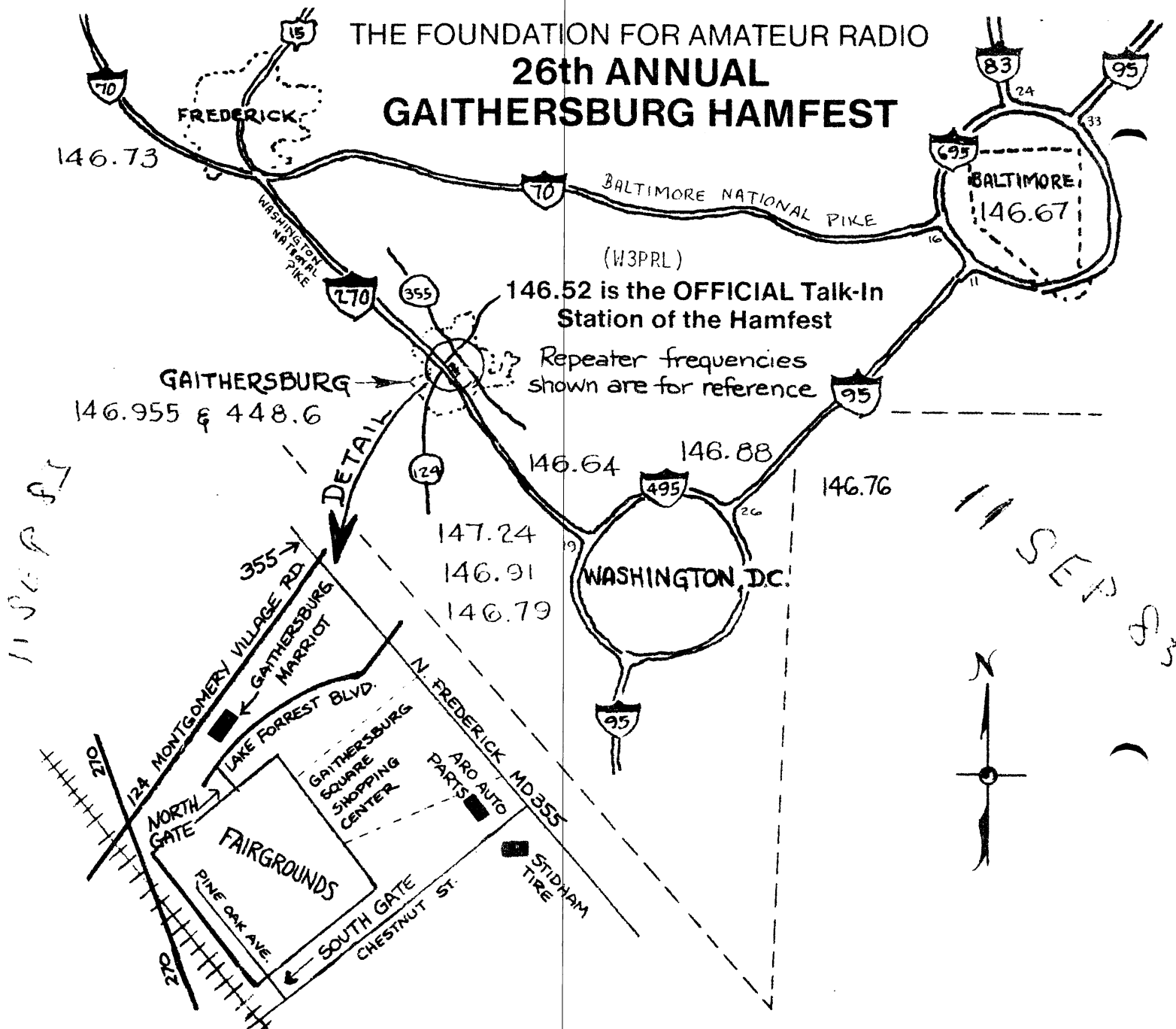
GET-TOGETHER WEEKEND — CONFERENCE AND HAMFEST

SEE YOU IN WARRINGTON IN OCTOBER

FOR MORE DETAILS
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Special "Antique Wireless Association" Section



Check HAMFEST HQ Booth for Details



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And from the ARRL Letter —

HAMS/CABLE—PUSH COMES TO SHOVE

ARRL has filed a Motion for Expedited Action on its Petition for Rule Making (RM-4040), requesting that cable TV operations be removed from channels E (144-150 MHz) and K (222-228 MHz). Filed in January, 1982, the original petition stemmed from the volume of complaints from amateurs about excessive leakage from cable TV systems all over the country.

In this latest filing, the League notes that the Amateur Radio community has made every conceivable effort to work with the cable industry through its trade association, the National Cable TV Association (NCTA), but that NCTA has not negotiated in good faith. It appears that NCTA did not seriously intend to participate in resolving interference problems, but merely sought to achieve

"detente" instead of arriving at a just and workable solution to the problem.

ARRL also cited efforts to establish a joint policy statement with NCTA that amateurs could use at the local level to make their neighbors and the cable operator aware that amateurs are not the "cause" of the problem. Although seemingly adopting a cooperative stance at the start, NCTA's recent position is that it is no longer inclined to promulgate such a policy statement as it perceives no present benefit to itself from doing so. Although the Amateur Radio community has done everything in its power to achieve a workable solution with the cable industry, the cable industry has done little more than drag its feet.

PHIL - MONT'S CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER '83

- 05 LABOR DAY! NOOOOOO MEEEEEEEEETING!! Come Next Week!
- 08 Rosh Hashana
- 11 GRANDPARENTS DAY! for one thing, and the other,
GAITHERSBURG HAMFEST. See elsewhere this issue.
W3ZPP NCS for the 2-meter Net
- 12 General Meeting at the Franklin Institute - see front cover.
- 17 Miss America Contest AND BLURB MATERIAL DEADLINE
Yom Kippur
- 18 W3AWG NCS for the 2-meter Net.
South Jersey Radio Association HAMFEST - Pennsauken High School.
- 21 B of D's Meeting at the QTH of W3BBB
- 23 The Autumnal Equinox occurs at 0942 edt. (That's the 1st day of Autumn)
- 24-25 York HAMFEST at the York Fairgrounds, PA
- 25 N3AVE - NCS for the 2-meter Net.
- Oct - Mt. Airy VHF Society's PACKRATS present their HAMARAMA '83-see elsewhere

the blurb

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